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#### **ANXIETY FELT** AS TO ROBERTS

No Report Given Out As to Operations Since Sunday.

CRONJE MAY HAVE ESCAPED

Buller Rumored to Have Reached Hills Commanding Ladysmith-Heavy Loss Among Roberts' Officers.

LONDON, Feb. 22, 4 a. m .-- Lord Roberts' list of 49 killed and, wounded officers, including two generals, in the engagements up to Sunday evening, causes anxiety, especially as in the officers' list neither the losses of the Welsh and Essex regiments nor those of the mounted infantry are included.

This is about the number that fell at Colenzo, where the non-commissioned officers and men brought the total овнея пр то \$00.

It is considered strange that when sending his casualties, Lord Roberts gives no information as to the result of the fighting. If he has made such a report, the war office is withholding it. Moreover, nothing is known as to what took place on Monday, Tuesday and yesterday,

The absence of details from Lord Roberts' dispatch, contrasted with his rather full narratives during the first part of his operations, produces unasiness among militiary observers. All comment in the morning papers, both editorial and critical, is threaded with disturbing suggestions that, despite hard fighting, General Cronje has been able to beat off his pursuers, has escaped and is being reinforced on foot and horseback from Northern mules. Cape Colony, as well as from Kimber-

unmanders fought the Pritish to al standatill.

However true, Ali 12is may be, public opinion here will not be reassured until the war office issues explicit statenents of successes, which, of course, would clear away the gathering doubts respecting the uninterrupted success of Lord Roberts' forward movement.

No one doubts his ultimate success, out there is a fear of temporary fis- ! appointment and that a lot of hard fighting is yet ahead of the British.

The latest report regarding General Buller circulated in the house of commons last evening was that an agent of the De Beers Company had received a cablegram from Cape Town, which must have passed the censor, to the effect that General Barton's fusiller brigade had reached the hills commanding Ladysmith.

from every other rumor, the early relief of the beleaguered carrison is entering Kimberley. thought to be inevitable.

LADYSMITH RELIEF REPORTED. No Confirmation of the Rumor Has

News of a Decisive Eattle With Cronje's Forces Also Anxiously Awaited.

the reports of the relief of Ladysmith. forestalled the authorities at Pall Mall, news direct to the public through the the rumor. mayor of Windsor, just as yesterday, she dramatically announced through militia corps, the tidings of General tient anxiety of the United Kingdom. ulate. Nevertheless, as the queen's words are not actually quoted in today's announcement, official confirmation is eagerly awaited, and especially as Bulerally regarded as foreshadowing a juncture of his and General White's forces some time today. Public interest, expectation and anxiety, therefore, British Reported to Be Shelling His sway unceasingly and impatiently between Ladysmith and Bloemfontein, The practical relief of the former place is regarded as due more to Lord Roberts' brilliant stratety in drawing off the Boers than to Buller's numerous assaults, and news of the result of the battle between Kitchener and Cronje. reinforced by the force thus drawn off from Ladysmith, is expected to almost

Accomplishment of the latter event, however, is regarded with greater confidence than is the ability of Kitchener to theroughly cripple Cronje, for the Boer general has proved himself so clever and daring in slipping through ed that telegrams may now be accepted quickly occupied Bloemfontein, there risk.

are many fears expressed that Cronje are many fears expressed that Cronje might still preserve the effectiveness of THE PHILIPPINE his mobile force. The war office this evening announce

ed that it had no news from other sources. There is yet nothing to throw light on the main issues. Regarding military conditions, the military critics in the afternoon papers express the keenest satisfaction at the phase of the campaign as revealed by the latest news, drawing attention to the fact that whether or not Roberts succeeds in affecting a decisive defeat, he has forced the Boers to release their grip on Ladysmith, Kimberley, Zululand and lower Natal, though admitting that the setge of Mafeking may be made more severe by the arrival of a portion of the Boer force driven off from Kimberley, endeavoring to avenge itself on Colonel Baden-Powell.

An Arundel dispatch, dated Tuesday, shows that the Boers in force made a determined attempt to invest Arundel, but were baffled by the smart maneuvering of the British mounted troops. Cecil Rhodes is expected to arrive at Cape Town February 24.

Further details of the attack made by Colonel Plummer's force on the Boer positions defended by a 12-pounder, near Crocodile Pools, not far from Gaberones, show that as the British were struggling up the hill in the dark. through a net of barbed wire, they alarmed the Boer watch dogs, who gave the alarm. The Boers opened fire and the British charged, but the much damage, and the British re-

BY WAY OF PRETORIA.

Result of British Victories Minimized by the Dutch Account.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, - Official reports have been received as follows: Commandant Steyne says that Saturday and Sunday, near Foodoosrand, he fought the British, who tried to encompass Cronje's laager, and drove them off. They fought until late Sunday evening. The Boers had one man killed and one wounded and captured by rail from Ladysmith and by forces booty and twenty-one horses and

General Wewet says that on Sunday afternoon be arrived before Paardeberg As the correspondents with Lord and Foodoesrand, in which direction Roberts are silent, telegrams from Boer there has been heavy firing since mornsources receive some countenance. The ing. He stormed several koppes which latter aver that Cronje, while the British vacated, leaving their dead British were endeavoring to surround, and wounded and forty prisoners in him between Paardeberg and Koodoos- the nands of the Boers, who captured rand, received reinforcements under the kopies. The Boer loss was two Do Witt and that together the Boe, killed and four wounded. The fight lasted until late in the evening.

CONJE'S VERSION

His Report of the Operations in the Kimberley Neighborhood.

---PRETORIA, Monday.-A portion of the official report from Conje, dated Sunday, has been given out. It is as

"Yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, while removing the laager near Scholz' Nek, we were attacked by the British. The fight lasted until 7:30 in the evening. Although, on the whole, the British were driven back, they each time resumed the attack. The loss of the Thus far, the Boer loss has been eight killed and twelve wounded. This morning the British shelled us with cannon.

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

Been Received.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-At a meeting of the town council of Windsor this LONDON, Feb. 2L-The war office today reached Windsor Castle that try. leclares it is unable to substantiate Ladysmith had been refleved. The announcement was received with shouts | Hill, Twenty-ninth infantry. But this does not prevent the public of "Brave Buller." The rumor of the from believing the queen has again relief of Ladysmith has again been and preferred to communicate the glad bourses. There is no confirmation of try.

A private telegram received here from Berlin this afternoon declares that Lord William Cecil, commander of a Cronje is in a bad position, bearing out yesterday's Berlin rumor that Conje Buller's success, hours before the war was surrounded and that a time limit | fantry. office was able to relieve the impa- had been given him in which to capit-

The war office announces that General Hector MacDonald, commander of the Highland brigade, was severely wounded yesterday. MacDonald and ler's dispatch of yesterday is very gen- the Highlanders were pursuing Conje.

CRONJE STILL SURROUNDED.

Lines and Hope to Capture His Entire Force.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 21.-A special correspondent of the Cape Argus says General Cronje'is surrounded at Paardeberg drift, but is offering a stubborn resistance

The British are shelling the Boers vigorously and hope to capture the synchronize with the announcement whole force. that General Buller has reached his ob-

WIRES OPEN TO KIMBERLEY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-The Anglo-American Telegraph Company today issued the following notice:

"From London, we are again inform-

### END HAS COME

Military Operations to Cease With But One More Expedition.

CIVIL RULE BEGIN

President Hopes to Complete the New Commission With Little Delay-Deaby Declines Appointment.

to information received at the war de- the senate for consideration. partment from Manila, at the end of the present expedition of General tice today that he would call up the Bates into the two provinces at the case tomorrow. As it is a privileged extreme southern part of the island of question he may be able to secure a Luzon, military operations in the Phil- vote on the taking up of the case for ippines will close. Afterward, it is consideration and thus develope the stated, there is nothing to do but to un- Quay strength in the senate, at least dertake to maintain order through a approximately. police system.

subject and steps are being taken to was under consideration. form a thoroughly mobile, lightly Boers exploded dynamite mines, doing armed gendarmeric, something on the order of the Canadian mounted police, to cover the islands at all points and Republican Members of the Committee conserve the energies of the regular

The arrest of a Tagai on the charge of being a guerilla was reported from General Otis has already issued some natives warning them that if they de- the original, but makes a number of fy the rules of the war and pursue amendments, a predatory warfare they will be

treated as guerrillas when captured The president is devoting special attention to the formation of the new No Immediate Prospect of His Joining Philippine commission, acting on the advice that the army has reached the end of its function in the islands and that the time is ripe for the establish- | Leader says: ment of civil government throughout end of the week.

It appears that Mr. Denby was oblig- works are invested. ed to decline re-appointment as combility to stand the hard work.

TIS CASUALTY LIST.

following list of casualties:

infantry.

Drowned-January 15, Arbert Jay L. Quite apart from this, however, and Chief Commandant Ferrereira's force in Rio Grande Florida Blanco; Febru- commandes of Free Staters for Drakwas too small to stop the cavalry from ary 15, Joseph F. Carey, Thirty-fourth ensburg and the Transvealers for Mainfantry, Rio Agno, near San Nicholas, accidental; February 9, Daniel 2, Jen , Nothing is doing in North Cape kins, Twenty-second infantry, gunshot; January 29, William Crawford, corporal Twenty-fifth infantry, Angeles Luzon, in their own state. felt on danger wern by him; gunshot

Thirty-ninth infantry. Heat prostration-February 9, Fredmorning it was announced that news erick Hegwein, Twenty-seventh infan-

Fneumonia-February II. John P. The Stars and Stripes a Prominent

Variola-February 5, Porter McGuyer, Forty-fourth infantry; February 12. current on the Berlin and London Cyrus E. Brittain, Thirty-sixth infan-

Dysentery, February 14, Andrew Anderson, Thirty-fifth infantry; Carl Nessel. Fourth cavalry.

Typhoid-February 16-Clarence Van Forger, corporal, Thirty-seventh in-

THREE ISLANDS RELEASED.

State Department Finds Seized Territory Outside of Philippine Archipelago.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- Upon the representations of the Spanish government to the effect that some of the islands south of the Philippines archipelago which had been taken possession of by the United States gunboats were really the property of Spain, the authorities of the state department, having examined the charts, have concluded to direct the withdrawal of our claims to the islands of Caygayen and

THE BRYAN CONVENTION.

National Committee Will Fix Time and Place at Today's Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-On the we of the meeting of the national dem- MAYOR HUMES RENOMINATION. Saturday. ocratic committee, which assembles here tomorrow to fix a time and place the British lines that even if Roberts for Kimberley, but only at sender's for holding the democratic national convention, Kansas City and Milwau- the republicans.

#### kee are struggling earnestly for the honor of entertaining the convention. Although there is some desultory talk of Cincinnati as a compromise, the

fight is between Milwaukee and Kansas City, with the chances tonight seemingly in favor of the latter place. Milwaukee has raised a fund of \$100,vention. The amount which Kansas City is expected to expend has not been

The concensus of opinion is that the convention will be held before the republican convention.

THE QUAY CASE.

Efforts Will Be Made to Resume Its Consideration at Today's Senate Meeting.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-An effort is to be made to get the question in volving the seating of former Senator WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-According Quay, of Pennsylvania, formally before

Penrose, of Pennsylvania, gave no-

During the greater part of today's Attention is now being given to that session, the Hawaiian government bill

SUBSIDY BILL SUBSTITUTE.

In Accordance on All General Features of the Measure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. IL-Four re-Manila yesterday. It is stated at the publican members of the house comdepartment to mark the initiation of mutter on merchant marine and fisheranother policy towards the insurgents les who have differed from their aswho still remain under arms. As the sociates on the terms of the shipping summary punishment of guerillas can- bill today completed a substitute bill, not be had until some action has been which was introduced by Representataken to declare the determination of tive Miner of Wisconsin, those acthe application of the rules of war, it quiescing with him in the measure beis assumed at the war department that ing Stevens of Minnesota, Jones of Washington and Fordney of Michigan. Louisiara, and Broussard of Louiskind of a proclamation or notice to the | The bill follows the general plan of

BULLER LACKS TRANSPORTS.

the Transvaul Invasion.

LONDON, Feb. 21.-The Morning

the archipelago. It is hoped that its was scarcely opposed, but that is not find themselves is to vote to recommit personnel can be completed before the to say that fierce resistence may not the measure. be looked for before the Onderbrook

"A high authority agreed yesterday missioner, on account of physical ins- with the opinion expressed in these columnns that two-thirds or threefourths of General White's force will be available for active operations any time within a week.

"We cannot see how an advance WASHINGTON. Feb. 21.-General through North Natal can be made be Otis cabled the war department the fore Charleston and Van Reenan's Pass are secured. As for the question of Deaths-Malarial fever, January 2. General Buller's invading the Trans-Arlington Mays, Twenty-second infan- taal, a practical difficulty exists. Our February 10, Willis McMartin, information is that his transport is corporal, Forty-fifth infantry; Febru- utterly insufficient unless the Boers even become a law before the senate British must have been considerable, ary 12, Azariah Harron, Thirty-eighth oblige him by fighting along the rail- acts on the Hay-Fauncefote treaty.

"We look for one fight about Pieter's Perry, Thirty-second infantry, nathing station and then the departure of the

> Colony and the greater part of the Boers apparently have retired to fight

In action January 27. Amos O'Nel., the result of the chase after General Cronle.'

REMAINING CANADIANS SAIL.

Decoration on Their Transport. HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21,-The last detachment of the second Canadian contingent for South Africas consisting

of more than 600 officers and men and nearly the same number of horses, sailed from Halifax today. Conspicuous among the decorations on the transport Milwaukee was the

Stars and Stripes beneath the British Blue ensign at the fore. This is a most unusual circumstance.

CANADIAN LOSSES.

One Officer and Eighteen Men Killed-Sixty Wounded in Sunday's Fight.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.-A special to the Globe says: The first Canadian contingent was en gaged at Modder river all day Sunday. Eighteen men of the regiment were killed and sixty wounded. Among the

latter was Captain Mason, of Toronto. The Canadians forded the Modder river after a night's march.

SAMOAN TREATY RATIFIED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-The senate in executive session today ratified the treaty between the United States, Germany and Great Britain affecting the claims growing out of the joint control of the Samoan Islands.

SEATTLE, Feb. 21.-T. J. Humes was renominated tonight for mayor by

#### TARIFF DEBATE STILL GOES ON

000 for the entertainment of the con- First Republican Speech in Opposition Made Yesterday.

DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

Cancus Will Be Held Saturday and the Bill Recommitted to Avoid Republican Division on Ploor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 .- For the first time in the debate upon the Puerto Rican tariff bill, the voice of a republican was raised today against that measure. Brownell (rep.), of Ohlo,

spoke against the bill. He opposed it on the ground of policy and not of the constitution. His hostility, however, was not so absolute but that he announced his intention of voting for it if the substitute failed. The other speakers today were Ray, of New York, and Long (rep.), of Kansas, for the bill, and Henry (dem.), of

Texas, against it. The republicans have decided to hold a cancus for conference on the bill Saturday night. Although there are said to be between 20 and 30 republicans who are hostile to the bill, the republican leaders who are canvassing the situation say that not more than four or five will cast their votes against it. They also say that several democrats

will support it. The only democrat who is outspoken in his advocacy of the bill is Davey of Louisiana. He represents one of the largest cane sugar interests in the South. Others, including Mayer of iana, Loud of California, Davis and Sparkman of Florida, are said to be in the doubtful column, but the democratic whip says that only Davey and Sibley of Pennsylvania will vote for it. Wilson of Idaho, a sliver republican, is said to be inclined to vote for the

Some of the republican opponents of the bill, who dislike to go on record against their party, believe that the The crossing of the Tugela, river way out of the dilemma in which they

> On account of pressure for time, the debate, hereafter, will begin at 11 o'clock and there will be night sessions Thursday and Friday,

CANAL BILL BEING RUSHED.

Possibility that the Hepburn Bill May Pass Regardless of the Hay Treaty.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21 .- A special to the Herald from Washington says: It is possible that the Hepburn Nicaragua canal bill may be passed by the house of representatives and it may

Representative Hepburn is determ-

land to pass the bill at every oppor-

It is expected that the committee on rules will report Mr. Hepburn's resoation favorably, though it is possible that some change may be made in the date that he has fixed for the consideration of the bill, Mr. Hepburn and many of the advocates of the canal bill "Expectation sits in the gate to know in both houses of congress are in favor of passing the pending bill containing the authorization of the fortification of the canal, without regard to the action of the senate on the pending treaty.

In speaking of this subject, Mr. Hepburn said it would make no material difference whether the treaty was ratifled or not. If it should be agreed to by the senate, and it should be determined that the president had no power under the treaty to fortify the canal. he need not act under the authority given him to erect fortifications. He thought it would be well for con-

gress to give the president all the authority that he could possibly want,

A STRANGE VOYAGE. Need of Nicaragua Canal Emphasized by a New York Ship Arrived

at San Francisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.-The ship A. G. Ropes has arrived here from New York, after a remarkable voyage. She left New York July, 1899, and in order to get here has in reality circumnavigated the globe. The distance covered during the voyage was 25,800

nautical miles All kinds of accidents befell the ves-

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD. Republicans Summoned to Washington to Consider Puerto Rican Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.-R presentative Tawney of Minnesota, the "republican whip" of the house, has wired all absent republicans to be present

This is understood to be for the purpose of having all republicans present at a conference Saturday night on the Puerto Rican tariff bill.